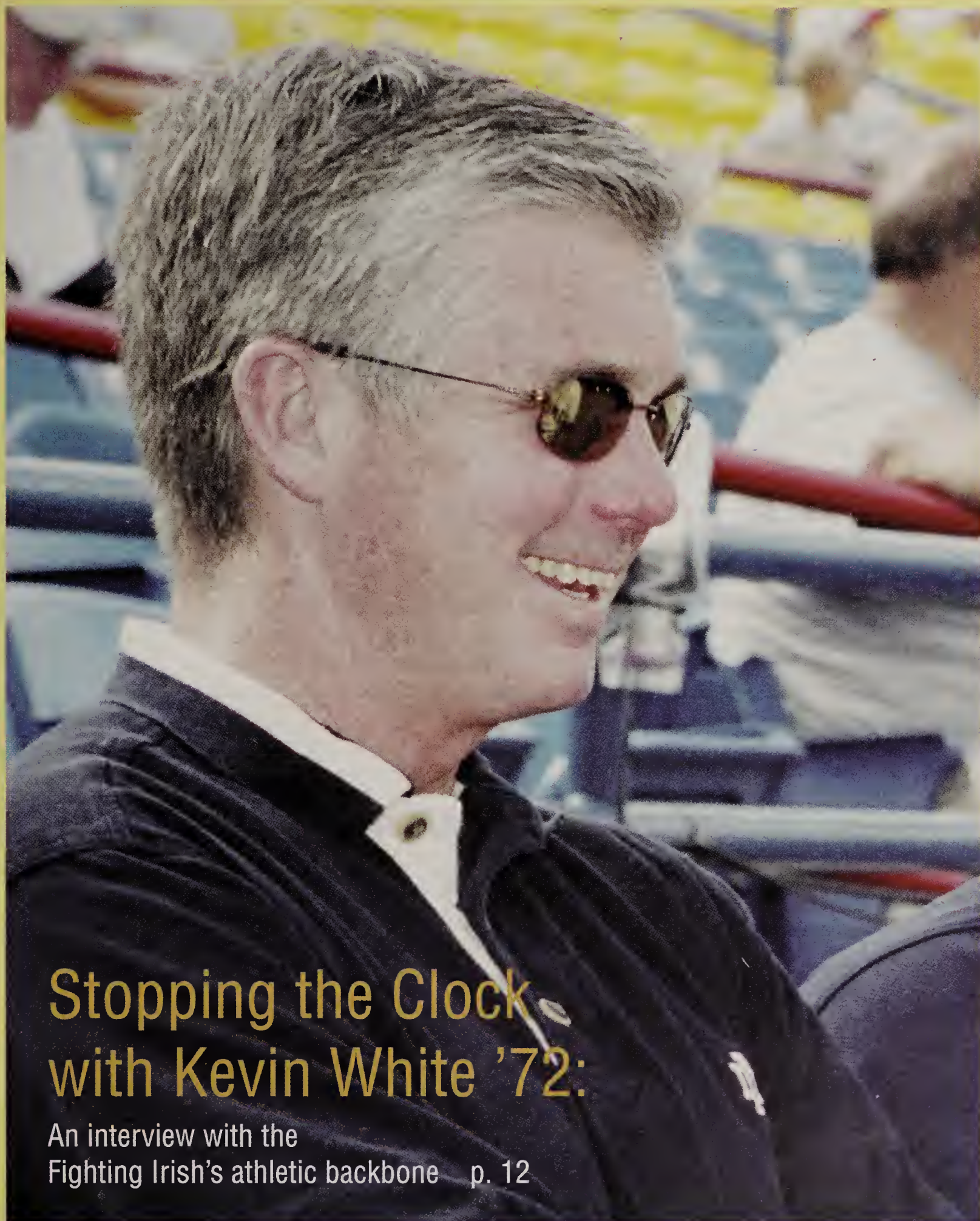


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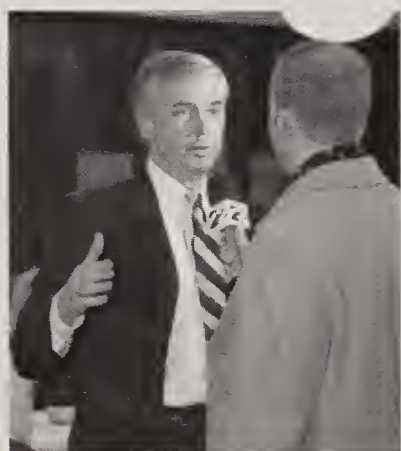


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For the second straight season, SJC will have a new head football coach, as Lou Esposito was named the 17th head coach in the program's history on December 10th. He replaces Tim Lester, who posted a record of 7-4 in one season at the controls of the program.

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From the Alumni Association Board President

What would a Puma do?



If you're like me, you may have, at one time or another, been "the victim." You've reached for your wallet and panicked when it wasn't there. You've set something down, only to come back later and find it missing. You're left wondering how someone could wrong you and feel no remorse.

There's no denying that today's students at all grade levels get their basic moral grounding in the home, from their parents or guardians. But one day those students leave the nest, and it's up to their teachers to reinforce and model those values and teach students the rewards of strong moral principles after graduation.

In this issue you will meet **Kevin White '72**, Athletic Director for the University of Notre Dame, one of the premiere colleges and universities in the country. Not a stranger to making decisions under the pressure and influence of conflicting opinions, he offers his own insights on what it means to "do the right thing." You'll also see how his advice has already been taken to heart by the Saint Joseph's College community when you read about one of our current students, who happened upon the personal property of a campus visitor and knew, without question, what needed to be done.

The fact that these values are instilled by SJC is no accident. Rather, they're embedded in every aspect of the academic experience, most notably Core. "Students will be challenged to understand the complex and demanding relationship between choice and consequence, to appreciate the value of liberal arts as a means of confronting current and future issues, and to cultivate practices and attitudes which reflect values consistent with a democratic society," states the College's Web site, when describing the nationally recognized program. Morality isn't lost in the pages of an elective course's syllabus. It is not optional, but essential, so essential that it takes four years just to absorb it. And that's what makes Saint Joseph's so different. That's what makes our faculty, our staff, our students, and our alumni unique.

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Puma Happenings

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"It's been wonderful to watch classmates reminisce about old times, help with recruitment efforts, and network with students about to enter the job market," said Kendra Illingworth, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "Whether they've been graduated for five years or 50, their Puma pride is strong, and it shows."



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The Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing extends many thanks to the students and faculty who donated the time to assist with pledges. To date, SJC has secured over \$120,000 in gifts and pledges from Pumas across the country. This year was especially exciting as two Board of Trustees members matched gifts through challenges issued to students and faculty. **Frank Caccamo '61** matched \$17,000 pledged on a designated "Faculty Night," while another Trustee matched \$5,000, raised by students in just one hour of calling.



Get Yourself Connected

More than 1,200 SJC alumni have registered on our new state-of-the-art on-line community, *Connections*. This Web site is available FREE to all Saint Joseph's College alumni and will make keeping in touch with college classmates easier than ever. Features include:

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For more information, contact Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Kendra Illingworth at 800-227-1898.

Admissions Update

SJC's Office of Admissions started the 2005 spring semester with a bang! The number of applications and admits continue to outpace last year, and we recently set record attendance (121 students) at our Presidential Scholarship competitions on January 29th and February 5th.

There are a number of college fair programs still left for this spring (refer to the chart below), and several upcoming events, including a Discover Day on May 14, where students will spend the afternoon learning more about academics, student clubs and organizations, athletics, the admissions process, financial aid, student development, and our Catholic heritage from the people who know these areas best. For those not available on May 14, Admissions will also hold several Puma Preview Saturdays before the end of the academic year, giving prospective Pumas the chance to sample life at SJC. Though classes won't be in session, they'll be able to tour our facilities, talk to current students, and meet their admissions representative.

For more information about upcoming college fairs or recruitment programs, contact Assistant Director Bart Harvey at 800-447-8781 or barth@saintjoe.edu.



State	College Fair	Date	Time
IN	Allen County College Fair	3/23	6:00-7:30 p.m.
IN	Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis College Fair	3/24	6:00-8:00 p.m.
IN	Delaware County College Fair	3/28	6:00-8:30 p.m.
IN	Cass County Career Expo	4/13	8:30-3:00 p.m.
IN	Jasper/Pulaski County College Fair	4/19	1:30-3:00 p.m.
IN	Lowell Area Regional College Fair	4/19	6:30-8:00 p.m.
IN	Indianapolis Area College Fair Glendale Mall	4/19	7:00-8:30 p.m.
IN	Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership College Fair	6/10	2:30-3:30 p.m.

Honor Class Pumas are invited to pack their Hawaiian shirts and head to campus for a weekend of island fun for the whole family.

Alumni Association Beer & Brat Tent
Kids' Art Tent and Tie-Dye
Puma Football Game
Puma Volleyball Match
Alumni Baseball Game

Drexel Hall Tour
Limbo Contest
Reunion Dinner Luau *featuring*
"The Barefoot Hawaiians"
Polynesian Dancers

Log on to our new alumni Web site, *Connections*, to see a schedule for the weekend, register for events, purchase dinner tickets, get hotel information, and e-mail classmates. You can even contact the Alumni Office to start planning special gatherings for your class. Staying in touch has never been easier.

This is a weekend you won't want to miss! Contact Kendra Illingworth at 800-227-1898 for more information. Also look for your annual Homecoming flyer in the next issue of *Contact*, coming this summer.

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Hawaii '05

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September 23-25**

Trustee Sheds Light on Marketing Case Study for Business Students

On a meeting day for SJC's Board of Trustees, it's normal to see members exploring campus. It's not so common for them to skip lunch to teach a class. But on October 23rd, **Frank Caccamo '61** did exactly that.

"I wanted to have a deeper involvement with the College by experiencing life in the classroom," said Caccamo, who serves the Board as Vice Chair. "That day, I opted to use lunchtime to sit in on a group discussion."

Caccamo introduced himself to Assistant Professor of Marketing and Management Walter Scherb, who was preparing for his Principles of Marketing course. A few minutes of conversation revealed a timely discovery. "The class was reviewing a case study of the launch of Pampers through Procter and Gamble, and I was an executive for that company for more than 30 years. I felt I had something meaningful to say," he explained.

While he wasn't directly involved with the Pampers launch, he did play a role in the development of a new brand of Pringles potato chips. Caccamo outlined the idiosyncrasies of research and advertising and explored issues such as market saturation and profit potential and their impact on the distribution of new products.

"The class was adequately prepared for the material, and they really seemed interested in what I had to say," he said. "We even talked about what the Board of Trustees could do to increase its presence on campus. It was a neat experience."

Zachary Lee, a sophomore in Scherb's class, agreed. "Whenever you read something from a book, there's always a question or two that lingers. That day, [Caccamo] was able to answer those for us," he said.

Physical Education Students Stretch Their Minds at Rensselaer Care Center



Senior Brandon Turner assists one of his clients with upper-body exercises at the Rensselaer Care Center.

gained through this study back to their own families. They'll be able to prescribe an exercise program for grandparents or any other family members," Query said.

Each of the 16 participating students was assigned personal clients with whom they met three times. The students first did a screening test of nutrition habits and current exercise routines, then assessed the results and designed an exercise program according to the needs of each client. Remaining visits were spent teaching different strengthening exercises and monitoring individual progress. "These students are traveling out of their comfort zones and entering apprehensive territory. A lot of young people aren't comfortable around the elderly, but they're succeeding despite any former reservations," she said. "It was amazing to see the progress they made with their clients, both physically and mentally. SJC should be proud."

According to Beth Cummins, Assistant Activities Director for Rensselaer Care Center, the College should also be thanked. While the center has a strong physical therapy program, groups like these keep residents active and allow them to vary their daily routine. "We've had a few different groups from SJC come by to play Bingo, sing songs, and read aloud to people. A lot of them don't receive young visitors, so they have a ball when the students are here," she said. "The kind of one-on-one attention they get is a gift from Heaven."

"Movement, movement, movement!" stresses Dr. Pat Query, Assistant Professor of Physical Education. Affectionately referred to as "The Colonel" by former clients, Query's health expertise lies in exercise physiology. To that end, she took her Exercise Physiology class into the Rensselaer Care Center several times in November to expose students to hands-on evaluations and studies.

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Beth Cummins,
Assistant Activities Director
for Rensselaer Care Center

Story written for SJC by Publications and Media Relations Intern
Rebecca Scherer '05.



Rev. Dominic Gerlach, C.P.P.S. '46
in Drexel Hall in the summer of 2004.

Drexel Hall Awarded \$15,000 Grant for Interior Renovation

In November, Saint Joseph's College received a \$15,000 grant to assist with interior renovation efforts for Drexel Hall. The grant, awarded by the Efroymson Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), provides much needed support for Drexel, which functioned for years as an SJC residence hall and will reopen as the new home for the Rensselaer Adult Learning Center.

SJC submitted a grant proposal to the Efroymson Fund, a donor-advised fund of the CICF that supports historic preservation and other causes, at the urging of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, which kept the fund's name anonymous until SJC's request was approved. The College and HLFH have worked together for several years to restore Drexel Hall, which was constructed in 1888 as an Indian normal school and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. It also appeared on HLFH's 10 Most Endangered List from 1999 to 2003.

So far, fundraising efforts have produced a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative and a \$375,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Commerce Community Focus Fund, which was supplemented by a \$100,000 local match. It has also secured assistance from the Jasper Foundation and SJC alumni.

According to Pam Velo, CICF and Efroymson Fund Philanthropic Services Director, the potential for Drexel was what made SJC's proposal so attractive. "Saint Joseph's College was selected as a grantee because their preservation of Drexel Hall will not only preserve this historic structure but also provide a site for adult education. The dual purposes of this project make this an especially good investment for the Efroymson Fund," she said.

Following Drexel's rehabilitation, the Rensselaer Adult Learning Center will occupy the first floor. Plans for the second and third floors remain in development.

About Drexel

Originally named St. Joseph's Indian Normal School, Drexel Hall was built in 1888 through funds from St. Katharine Drexel, a member of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, and used to educate American Indians until it closed in 1896. The Society of the Precious Blood (the religious organization that sponsors SJC) purchased the land three years later and converted the school into a mission house. The property became a part of SJC's campus in 1937, and the mission house was renamed Drexel Hall, in honor of its benefactor. It was used as a residence hall until the late 1970s.



Left to right: (back row) Klotzbach, Wagner, Cimaroli, and Mikus. (front row) Hiss, Chalik, and Luksus.

Locks of Love Donors Proclaim

"Bald is Beautiful"

Many young women deem their hair to be their most prized asset. However, in 2004, five young women from SJC considered it their greatest gift when they shaved their heads and donated 60 total inches of hair to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for children afflicted with diseases resulting in hair loss.

Sophomore Michelle Cimaroli donated 10 inches, the minimum required, before her arrival back to SJC this fall. More recently, right before Christmas, junior Heather Mikus and sophomore Ashley Hiss donated 14 inches and 16 inches, respectively, while senior Sarah Chalik and junior Amy Luksus each gave 10 inches. Senior Casey Wagner and junior Shelly Klotzbach, both veteran donors, did the snipping and the shaving, and all donations were mailed to Locks of Love.

Each student had her own reasons for donating. Cimaroli made her donation while she was a camp counselor at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in Nashville, Indiana, integrating her decision into a camp activity. "It was a fixed game that whoever's name was picked from a hat had to shave their head. After mine was picked, I explained to them what I was doing," she said. "I wanted it to be a learning experience and show them that physical appearance isn't the most important image we have."

For Luksus and Chalik, the inspiration was more spontaneous. They were impressed by Cimaroli's summertime move and gave more thought to their own donation options. It wasn't until later in the year, however, that their hair was long enough to meet the minimum requirement. Both girls were in attendance for Hiss' head shave when they decided it was time to follow suit. "It's for a great cause and I wanted to help out," Luksus said. "It's just hair. I'm not trying to impress anyone."

As for Chalik, after completing a humanist manifesto of her beliefs for a fall semester class, she gave serious thought as to whether or not she was actively participating in the causes she believed in. "I was forced to define my beliefs and, after I did that formally, I realized that I wasn't doing enough to show my concern and support for those less fortunate

than me," she said. "I have family members who have died from cancer, and I'm sure that if they could see me today, they'd be so proud."

For all of the women, part of the motivation stemmed from Wagner and Klotzbach, who donated their hair last year and are currently growing it back to make another donation.

Wagner has offered her hair to Locks of Love three times and personally knew the child who received her first contribution. "During a hospital stay, I met a little girl named Gracie who was diagnosed with a rare terminal brain condition. I promised that as soon as I was better, I would give her my hair, but she died before I could," she said.

"That's why I keep doing it - for girls like Gracie."

Hiss, a Nursing major whose 16-inch donation was the largest of the five, heard Wagner's story on a spiritual retreat last fall and decided to follow her example. "If there is one thing that I have learned, not only from nursing school but from all the experiences I've had with cancer, it's that treating a person's spirit is just as important as healing their body. And if having my hair will help give one person the confidence to face the world, that's all the motivation I need," she said.

In public, it's not always easy. They've received stares, jeers, and insensitive questions from passersby, but the response from

"It'll grow back. Other people need it more."

— Michelle Cimaroli

the SJC community has been overwhelmingly positive, with many encouraged to follow in their footsteps. With their new bond, all of the women believe they've been given an insight into what it's like for children who suffer from diseases resulting in hair loss. "We're all just growing our hair now to donate it," Cimaroli said. "It's not a permanent state for us. It'll grow back. Other people need it more."

To direct questions or comments to any of the women listed, send an e-mail to baldandbeautifulsjc@hotmail.com. For more information about Locks of Love, visit www.locksoflove.org.



Photography Students Explore Alternative Printing Methods in 2005 Exhibit

Mercedes Clark, one of seven SJC photography students who presented their work in a Lafayette exhibition this winter, discusses one of her pieces with Art Department Chair Bonnie Zimmer.

Students from SJC's Advanced Photography course had little time to catch their breaths after the New Year holiday before priming themselves for their first exhibition. Titled "Photography: Traditional to Experimental," the show was sponsored by the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and ran through parts of January and February.

The class, which abandoned the darkroom to pursue examples of printing methods that use less conventional mediums like fabric, plastic and even eggs, was taught by Mary Dahl, Assistant Professor for SJC's Art Department. She first learned of the exhibit in September and encouraged her students to submit a proposal and examples of their work. Upon acceptance, they found they were one of only three student groups selected to participate – especially impressive considering that photography has only been a component of the Art Department's curriculum for the last year.

Bonnie Zimmer, Art Department Chair, explained that Dahl has been instrumental to the growth of the Art major, which is relatively new itself. "She's really overcome a number of challenges we had because of limited funding and space. She revived our existing photo lab, repaired equipment, and replaced materials so that we could offer introductory and advanced photography classes," she said. "The department is graduating its second group of Art and Art Education majors this year, and now they have an additional set of skills to bring to the work place."

Natalie Salinas, one of seven students in the show and an Art Education major who graduates this May, can testify to that. "Ceramics, surface design, stained glass, computer graphics – you name it, and I've probably taken it. Now I'll have photography knowledge to teach my students," she said. "I also hope to continue making my own art work and display it in other exhibits."

Music Major Scores Internship with World's Largest Percussion Organization

After graduating from SJC in December, senior Music Education major and Rensselaer resident **Jim Gratner '05** said good-bye to the biting winter of the Midwest and hello to Lawton, Oklahoma, where he's spending the next six months participating in an internship with the Percussive Arts Society (PAS). The largest group in the world promoting and supporting the percussive arts, PAS is a nonprofit music service organization with more than 8,000 members in 20 different countries.

"At PAS, our interns are an integral part of our staff. They need to be able to take initiative, assess problems, and offer effective solutions," said Otice C. Sircy, PAS Museum Curator and Internship Coordinator. "Jim's resume, range of experience, and his recommenders' assessment of his skills demonstrated that he met all of our qualifications and met them well."

During Gratner's time with PAS, which is headquartered in Lawton, his primary responsibility will be to assist with planning for its annual convention, the largest percussion convention in the world. He'll be involved with artist and industry relations, essential to the early planning for the 2005 convention, which takes place in Columbus, Ohio this November. He's also charged with overseeing a legacy project of his choice, intended to benefit the organization's mission.

With plans to pursue graduate school and teach on the college level, Gratner is excited to begin his internship, which he believes will widen the scope of his future curriculum. "This experience will help me have a better understanding of the business side of music. It will also help me to provide more career options for my students," he said. "I want to be the most informed educator I can."

Gratner is the son of Robert and Margaret (Henry) Gratner '74.

During your time at SJC, you were involved with track and field, and your first job after graduation was coaching for Gulf High School in Florida. At what point did you first become interested in sports?

Very early in my career, I became completely fascinated with college athletics, perhaps for three distinct reasons. First and foremost, I absolutely love “game day”! In particular, I have always been a competitive person, and athletics simply provides a venue to measure outcomes. Secondly, as an educator, athletics provides an unparalleled educational forum for all constituencies associated with an institution’s mission. For me, to play a role relative to facilitating the specific dreams and aspirations of student-athletes is both an honor and a privilege. Finally, I have always been enamored by the entertainment aspect of athletics. Having grown up in a family wherein entertainment was coveted, I would have to say that I find the show business element within athletics seductive.

What inspired you to shift from coaching to administration?

As I reflect back, I believe I was simply motivated by the opportunity to have a much broader impact. To that point, I continue to envision my role as the chief choreographer, and/or the facilitator. Of course, within the sub-sector of higher education, I am merely the operator and not the owner. Again, I find the notion of providing leadership for game day, education, and entertainment – across a broad complement of sports – to be very gratifying and highly rewarding.

Before your tenure at University of Notre Dame, you were at Arizona State University, which had a tremendously strong athletics program. What encouraged you to move to the Midwest?

An Irish Catholic kid from the east (New York) could never say “no” to an overture from Notre Dame. To



STOPPING WITH KEVIN

An Interview the Fightin

Kevin White '72 knows sports. Since he was Notre Dame in 2000, the Fighting Irish have enjoyed success on the field and on the green, just to name a few. In 2003-2004, the University has its men's and women's basketball teams and a soccer team in the same year. Eight teams were nationally ranked and 15 were nationally recognized the intramural athletic program as the best in the country, either. At 99%, the University's student-athlete participation rate is an NCAA. And he's one of ours. Contact met with White, who is now the one of the world's most premiere universities.

that end, I, my wife [**Jane (Gartland) White '73**] and our family feel extremely fortunate to be at this magical place. Because of our Catholic higher education roots as undergraduates at SJC, and later serving Loras College – Notre Dame truly represents the supreme opportunity to perpetuate all that we know and love.

As Athletic Director for a university credited with one of the top programs in Division I sports, not to mention known as one of the most prominent Catholic institutions in the world, what kind of



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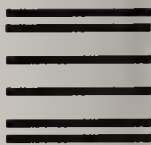
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THE CLOCK WHITE '72:

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ad how he got there.

**challenges do you face? What are the hardest
choices you are asked to make?**

Without question, the modern era of Notre Dame has been shaped and influenced by two extraordinary leaders, Father Ted Hesburgh [former University President] and Father "Monk" Malloy [current President]. Their carefully expressed vision for this special place is abundantly clear. Moreover, they have, over the years, set the bar really high. With regard to intercollegiate athletics, those non-negotiable expectations relative to stellar academic per-

formance and unconditional integrity, coupled with a strong spiritual dimension, not to mention competing at the highest level – distinguish Notre Dame from the rest. With that said, the hardest choices are those that cause you to dig down deep and find just the right path among an array of competing forces, political and otherwise.

How did SJC prepare you for this?

Don Keough (former COO of Coca-Cola and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Notre Dame) often says to effectively serve Notre Dame, one must "hear the music." Believe me when I say that I first began to hear the music at SJC. For me, a large part of hearing the music means that you endeavor to distinguish between what you deem as really important and what's actually right.

Jane and I are very proud Saint Joseph's College graduates, and we owe everything to SJC – this was the laboratory that inspired us to dream, aspire, and perhaps more importantly, taught us how to live our lives together and search for the right answers. Given that, as well as being the first person within my immediate family to graduate from high school and attend college – I could not have enjoyed a better undergraduate experience.

Notre Dame is all about legends and legacies. What legacy do you want to leave behind?

Integrity.

Looking back on your career, which profes- sional accomplishments are you most proud of?

The very positive impact that the intercollegiate athletics experience has had on both the lives of former student-athletes, and also the impact that Jane's and my collective experience has had on former colleagues/staffers, etc.

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Which SJC individuals had the biggest impact on your personal and professional lives? Why?

As an innocuous kid from Long Island, I was extended great personal attention and support, which continues to be ever present today, and I know Jane feels exactly the same way. We deeply appreciated the mentoring by many Saint Joseph's College administrators, faculty, and staff during our undergraduate days. In particular, we are most grateful to **Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. '50** (former SJC President), **Rev. William Stout, C.P.P.S.** (former administrator), and we are especially indebted to our long-time dear friend and mentor, **Professor Bill Jennings** (faculty member and former coach).

What advice would you give to someone who's caught in the middle between doing what's right and doing what's expected?

The first thing I might suggest is that they shouldn't underestimate the "power of prayer"! Being caught in a political squeeze play between "third base and home" is always difficult. However, in life, we often find ourselves in very challenging, and/or highly complicated situations.

With all humility, my advice would be to follow your own "moral compass." To be sure, we are all shaped and influenced by our respective life experiences.



President Mills with **Jane (Gartland) White '73** and **Kevin White '72**

When you find yourself in a "box" – gather some distance, take some time to privately reflect, and then be

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true to yourself. Father Ted Hesburgh would suggest a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Regardless of the final outcome, your endgame must bring you peace and comfort.



Senior basketball player Courtney Rosenbaum presents a \$1,000 donation to Vice President for Student Development John Keller.

Puma Profile:

Courtney Rosenbaum '05

“Treat others as you would want to be treated.”

A simple instruction, one most of us are taught to recite even before the alphabet, and one that SJC senior Courtney Rosenbaum took to heart when she came face-to-face with a luggage bag filled with items worth thousands of dollars.

It began on October 22nd, after a day-long meeting of SJC’s Board of Trustees, and a board member and his wife (who wish to remain anonymous) were preparing to make the journey from Rensselaer to a wedding in Indianapolis. They didn’t get far before realizing that one of their bags, which contained a laptop computer, two digital cameras, a pager, and several work-related identification cards, was missing. The couple reported the loss to SJC’s Office of Safety and Security but believed the odds of getting it back were slim.

However, when Rosenbaum located the luggage bag on her way to basketball practice that same day, she wasn’t thinking about her profit potential. She was more concerned with getting the property back to its rightful owner. “When I looked inside to find a laptop, I was completely shocked that something this valuable was left behind. I figured that someone must have been pretty busy or else it wouldn’t have been forgotten,” she said.

When SJC President Ernest Mills III informed the couple that their bag had been located and, more importantly, the belongings were still intact, they felt moved to show a token of gratitude in honor of the person who returned it. By Thanksgiving, they had written a letter to Mills, in which a check for \$1,000 was enclosed.

“Please tell them that they reflect the genuine spirit of Christ in the integrity they demonstrated in this situation,” the letter stated. “Please do let them know of the gift that was given in response to their honesty and integrity.”

SJC gave Rosenbaum the opportunity to choose which groups would receive the money. To recognize her role as both an athlete and an Elementary Education major, she evenly distributed the sum between the women’s basketball program and the Education Department.

“Without the Education Department, I would not be the person I am today; without basketball, I may not have been able to come to SJC,” Rosenbaum said. Regarding the whole experience: “Turning in the laptop seemed not only the right thing to do, but just natural. It wasn’t mine, so I didn’t keep it. That was a huge amount of money for doing something that seemed so small.”

Upcoming Events

April 9
Accepted Students Day

April 15
President’s Senior Dinner

April 16
Sports Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony

April 23
Little 500

April 29
Scholarship Dinner and
Auction in Chicago;
Board of Trustees Meeting

May 8
Commencement

May 14
Discover Day

June 16-28
Trip to China

July 9
Athletic Department Golf Outing

August 1
Second Annual Fast Eddy
Invitational in Chicago

September 23-25
Homecoming Weekend

October 1-9
Trip to Tuscany
and Italian Riviera



Photo courtesy of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

“You have to look for the best and work hard to nurture it”

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hen **Susan Decker '83** was a student at Saint Joseph's College, she studied Physical Education. She played basketball and tennis. She planned to teach and coach on the high school level.

Today, the Terre Haute, Indiana native is the Director of the Domestic Affiliate Network for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, a global leader in the fight against breast cancer and an international organization with a network of 75,000 active volunteers working to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease.

To some, that may seem like quite a career jump. But for Decker, the path she never followed and the path she leads today are connected by her definition of success. “Being successful is making a positive difference in the lives of others. Nothing is more exciting than working for a cause that I’m passionate about and contributes to the betterment of those around me,” she said.

This concept was rooted in Decker as a young girl, as her parents were active in local school boards, church committees, and other community programs. Therefore, when it was time for her to choose a college, she knew she needed an environment that would take her moral foundation and make it stronger. “SJC’s size and the dedication of the faculty and staff showed me that the College thought the individual was important, and I liked that,” she said. “I knew that my strengths would be recognized and drawn out.”

And they were. While she completed requirements for her major and minor, she served as a Resident Assistant and became a member of the Student Association. As graduation drew near, she learned about Volunteers in Diocesan Action (VIDA), a program that placed teachers, nurses, doctors, and parish workers in poorly funded programs throughout the Western United States. Decker spent three years working for VIDA, where she taught health and physical education for grades kindergarten through eighth and started a girls’ basketball program for St. Mary’s School Walsenburg, Colorado. She eventually returned to Terre Haute and earned a master’s degree, principal’s license, and began work on her doctorate. She also directed the Continuing Education program for St. Mary’s-of-the-Woods College and helped to develop the McLean Education Center, an alternative school for at-risk students in junior and senior high, for

the Vigo County School Corporation. The Center is still in existence today.

"I went into the VIDA experience thinking that I could add to these people's lives, but they taught me and enriched my life more than I could ever have imagined," Decker said. "Working with at-risk youth at McLean made me appreciate the opportunities I had been provided throughout my life. I had the chance to work with students who had faced many hardships and often made bad decisions and watch them make a comeback when someone believed in them."

It was during this time she learned of the Komen Foundation. "While working for Saint Mary's, I received a call from a group that was bringing a 'Komen Race for the Cure' to Terre Haute and wanted to stage it on our campus. My mother is a breast cancer survivor, so the project was very appealing to me. I became part of the planning committee as a volunteer," Decker explained.

She began attending trainings and conferences and was named Race Co-Chair. In 1999, she was named to the National Volunteer Advisory Council for the Foundation; the next year, she was officially hired as Director of Affiliate Service. She moved into her current position of Domestic Affiliate Network Director, working with Race For the Cure, Training, Special Events and Affiliate Service, in 2004.

"Much of my time is spent overseeing the affiliates of the Foundation, advising them in the best practices of governance for nonprofit organizations, providing training, and assisting with Races. I'm on the road a lot," she said. "But the staff and volunteers are so dedicated, so giving of their free time to support this cause. I can honestly say I have the best job in the world."

It's also a job that she was preparing for as early as her undergraduate days at SJC. "In education and other fields of discipline, there's a lot of rules and checklists stating what you can and cannot do. At SJC, the Core Program encouraged and allowed the development of 'big-picture' thinking. I was taught to be willing to consider all points of view prior to taking a stance. This has allowed me to see the gray much more than the black and white in a situation," she said. "For example, if a student didn't have an assignment completed at 3:00 p.m., you can't just give him a zero. You have to ask, 'What kinds of opportunities did he come into this situation with? Did I provide him with the set of skills he needed to complete this task?' You have to look for the best and

work hard to nurture it."

Which brings Decker back to the true meaning of success. "For me, a career is built upon doing what you love and feeling good about it at the end of the day," she said. "If we have the ability to make a difference in the lives of others, then I feel we are called to do so."

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About the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

- The Foundation has invested more than \$500 million for the fight against breast cancer.
- The Komen Race for the Cure® Series, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world and the Foundation's signature event, includes more than 100 races across the country and three that take place internationally.
- The Komen Foundation has a national toll-free breast care helpline: 1-800 I'M AWARE (1.800.462.9273).
- For more information, log on to the Foundation's Web site: www.komen.org.

SPORTS BRIEFS



Lou Esposito began his duties as head football coach on December 10th.

Esposito Takes Over As Head Football Coach

For the second straight season, SJC will have a new head football coach, as Lou Esposito was named the 17th head coach in the program's history on December 10th. He replaces Tim Lester, who posted a record of 7-4 in one season at the controls of the program.

Lester and offensive line coach/special teams coordinator Jake Moreland resigned their positions to take assistant coaching positions at the Division I-A level. Both coaches headed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to coach under recently hired head coach Bill Cubit at Western Michigan University. Lester is Cubit's quarterbacks coach, while Moreland coaches tight ends.

"It's a day of mixed emotions for us here," Athletic Director **Bill Massoels '89** stated at the time of the coaching change. "On one hand, I'm very sad that Tim and Jake are leaving. They brought so much to the program, the Department, and the College that I cannot begin to thank them enough. On the other hand, I am extremely excited that Lou is taking over. I know he will continue to take us in the direction we started in this year."

SJC's record under Lester's direction in 2004 represented a five-game turnaround from the previous year and was the first winning season for the Pumas since 1998. Perhaps the greatest turnaround for the Pumas came on defense, where Esposito took over a unit which finished

147th out of 150 teams in Division II in total defense (471 yards allowed per game) in 2003 and turned it into one of the better defenses in the country, finishing 30th in the nation this season (307 yards allowed per game). SJC set a school record for tackles for loss in a season, and its average yards allowed per game was the lowest since 1996, when the Pumas went 9-2 to establish the current school record for wins in a season.

Esposito is the first defensive coach to be named to the head position since Brendan Flaherty in 1996. He has since announced the promotion of wide receivers coach Brandon Johnson to offensive coordinator and the promotion of defensive backs coach Matt St. Germain to special teams coordinator. He also plans to stay with the same offensive scheme SJC employed this season, when the Pumas averaged 360 yards per game (226 passing) and broke the school record for touchdown passes in a season (25).

"The reason we had success on defense this year wasn't because we re-invented the wheel," he pointed out. "It was because the players bought into the system and played with heart. All we asked of them was effort and toughness. I'm a firm believer that if it's not broke, don't fix it. We won't have any dramatic changes. We'll run the same offense and the same exact defense."

Rosenbaum Tops 1,000-Point Mark

SJC senior Courtney Rosenbaum became the 14th player in the 30-year history of Saint Joseph's College women's basketball to score more than 1,000 points in her career on December 29th in the Premium Tour and Travel Holiday Classic in Fort Myers, Florida.

Rosenbaum accomplished the feat against Cameron University in the first round of the tournament and has led the Pumas in scoring and steals all season. She recently entered SJC's career top 10 in scoring and is already in the career top 10 in field goal percentage.



SJC senior Courtney Rosenbaum

Rassam Named Third Team All-Region

Saint Joseph's College senior football player Jordan Rassam has been named to the All-Northwest Region Third Team by Don Hansen's *National Weekly Football Gazette*, a national publication that covers football at the NCAA Division I-AA, II and III levels, as well as NAIA. Selections were announced December 30th.

Rassam, who led SJC with 22 tackles for loss and six quarterback sacks in 2004, is the first Puma to receive such recognition since the *Gazette* began selecting All-Region teams in 2002. A total of 76 players from the 37 football-playing schools in the Northwest region earned some form of All-Region honors.



Senior football player Jordan Rassam



Annual Athletic Department

Golf Outing

Saturday, July 9, 2005

Bon Vivant Country Club
in Bourbonnais, Illinois (North Course)

Registration: 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start: 12:00 p.m.

18 Holes of Golf
Lunch at the Turn
3 Drink Tickets

Cart
Steak Dinner
\$110 per person

All proceeds will benefit the SJC Athletic Department. For sponsorship and registration information, contact Head Baseball Coach **Rick O'Dette '99** at 219-866-6399 or ricko@saintjoe.edu.



Where Is He Now?

Phil Posey

If you asked most professors about their plans for retirement, they probably wouldn't cite teaching on their list of things to do. And yet, that's exactly how Phil Posey spends much of his time. The Professor Emeritus of History regularly offers his volunteer services to organizations like Head Start, which provides comprehensive development programs for children from low-income families, and the West Lafayette Area Lifelong Learning Association (WALLA), a continuing education program for adults.

"My major interest after retiring was to carry out volunteer activities," Posey said, a West Lafayette resident since 1984. "It's been the most rewarding part of my new life."

Covering topics like the Civil War and the castles of Great Britain for WALLA allows Posey to keep close ties with the material he taught during his 33 years with SJC. Before his departure in 2002, his schedule included teaching courses on Middle Eastern, European, and Russian history and directing the program for International Studies, as well as Cores 7 and 8 for 22 years. He also led several student tours to Eastern and Western Europe, the former Soviet Union, and China.

At Head Start, though, the subject matter is less grueling. Posey spends one morning a week zipping up jackets, tying shoe laces, and reading to children up to the age of five. "You get so much from this," he said. "It's all worthwhile when you get lots of little hugs and they say, 'I love you, Mr. Phil.'"

When he's not in the classroom, he can often be found on the farm – specifically, the Museum at Prophetstown's Living History Farm, located on the grounds of Prophetstown State Park, which opened in Battleground last year. Representing a working farmstead of the 1920's, it includes a replica of a Sears and Roebuck Co. catalogue farmhouse, a barn, corn crib, chicken coop, and Model T Garage. As a volunteer, Posey leads visitors through the grounds on prairie tours, among other activities. He also spent two years as a volunteer campground host for Cumberland Gap National Historical Park in Kentucky, which inspired him to construct a mountaintop cabin close by, where he and his wife spend one to two weeks every month.

In between his comings and goings, Posey enjoys staying in touch with former students scattered across the globe. "I have visited a Nestle Corporation executive in Hong Kong and one stationed at U.S. Air Force bases in Italy and England. Another is a vice president at PricewaterhouseCoopers in New Jersey," he said. "One of the rewards of teaching long-term is keeping in touch with far-flung students."

Those interested in contacting Posey may do so by sending an e-mail to psposey@verizon.net or a letter to 1601 Sheridan Road, West Lafayette, Indiana, 47906.

Where Are They Now? notes the current activities of favorite faculty, staff, and friends of the College of years past; Before They Were Pumas profiles SJC graduates, providing glimpses into their pasts and updates on what they are doing today. If you would like to recommend that someone be featured in either piece, please contact Publications and Media Relations Director Breain Ma'Ayteh '02 at 219-866-6177 or breain@saintjoe.edu.

Before They Were Pumas



Before

Today

Name:

Jackie Leonard-Tackett '95

A unique or funny story about you around the time the photo was taken:

I was about seven years old when this photo was taken on a trip to Disney World. We drove from Lake County, Indiana, to Orlando, and my younger sister and I argued the entire way. That changed when we reached the park. As little girls who wholeheartedly believed in the wonderful world of Disney – it had a calming effect on us. We even met Cinderella! My sister and I didn't argue the rest of the week. The drive home, though, was another story....

High school, city, state:

Center Grove High School
Greenwood, Indiana

Degree:

English

What you're doing now:

Since graduation, I've had three very different jobs, received a master's degree in Communications, married a wonderful man (**Mike Tackett '96**), and found the perfect career. I now work for Fleishman Hillard, one of the world's largest PR agencies, helping clients to communicate with the media and other audiences, promoting new products and ideas, overcoming crisis situations, and co-directing our internship program. In addition to work, I'm on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, and Mike and I are expecting our first child in June.



Field Museum Herpetologist Tom Anton (left) and SJC student David Didion (right) examine Kirtland snakes, an endangered species, in 2004. Their work was conducted for The Chicago Wilderness Habitat Project, which presented Professor Bob Brodman with a Habitat Leadership Award.

Professor Wins Award for Assistance in Chicago Conservation Efforts

Bob Brodman, Professor of Biology and Environmental Science, was recently presented with a 2004 Habitat Leadership Award from The Chicago Wilderness Habitat Project. The honor was bestowed upon Brodman for his role in creating a conservation design for amphibians and reptiles in savanna habitats, then overseeing a project to survey savanna reptiles and amphibians for 12 counties in the Chicago region. He also located funding for the project, which included paid internships for several of his current and former Biology and Environmental Science students.

Brodman began his involvement with The Chicago Wilderness Habitat Project in 1998. His first assignment was to assist in developing a “conservation-by-design” plan for preserving amphibians and reptiles in the Chicago wilderness. He later helped to develop an index used to measure the group’s success in recovering those specifically found in savanna habitats, historically quite rare in North America but common to Chicago’s ecosystem. In 2003, when those same savanna amphibians and reptiles became the focus of a new grant opportunity, Brodman couldn’t resist offering his services.

“After several years of planning a conservation design and index to measure its success, this project would allow us to collect data to test some of our assumptions and get baseline measurements. The baseline measures tell us what the diversity of species is at a point in time, which we can use as a benchmark for future compari-

sons. It will help us determine the effectiveness of our conservation design,” he said.

Another benefit was the budget allotted to Brodman for his research, which included pay for several assistants in the summer of 2004. He selected two of his own students, David Didion and Amy Luksus, who worked 20-30 hours a week for eight weeks. He also branched out beyond his current student pool and called on **Paula Seth '01**, who contributed three years of experience working in field zoology for state agencies since graduating from SJC. A donation from fellow biology professor Neal Haskell allowed him to bring in Sonia Honkisz, who worked one day a week in addition to completing a full-time internship at Columbia Park Zoo.

Though the conservation of savanna amphibians and reptiles has come a long way, there is still much to be done. Brodman intends to seek funding to continue the project into the spring of 2006. In the meantime, the benefits he’s been able to reap for his students – as well as his professional career – have been invaluable. “I have purposefully kept the coursework in our amphibian population research program the same because we need consistency in methods in order to effectively compare data. What varies with projects like these are the field experiences. Students get to explore new locations, see species we may not have locally and receive opportunities to interact with other professionals,” he said.

Peter Watkins, Associate Professor of Political Science, was elected to the Executive Council of the Association for General and Liberal Studies in October 2004. This February, he was part of a discussion panel titled “Assessment of Disciplines and Departments” at the American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning in Washington, D.C. Also, his review about the First Amendment case *United States v. Eichman* will appear in Robert Dewhirst’s edited volume, *Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, which is forthcoming.

John G. Pastrick '53 is retired and lives part-time in Indiana, California, and Mexico, spending approximately four months in each place. He is still in contact with his old roommates **Joseph Q. Pindell '53** and **Albert J. Latorra '53**.

William L. Fortin '61 is in his 23rd year as Adjunct Instructor of Business Law at Ancilla College. He is also a Managing Partner of Stevens, Travis, Fortin and Lukenbill law firm in Plymouth, IN.

Norbert Krapf '65 has moved to Indianapolis, Indiana with his family after 34 years at Long Island University. In April 2005, his next book, *Looking For God's Country*, which features 80 poems set in Indiana and Germany, will be available for purchase. He will read selections from the book in Rensselaer on April 5th. For more information, log on to www.krapfpoetry.com.

William F. Murphy, Jr. '65 retired from the Woodridge School District in June 2004 after five years in the Chicago Public Schools and the last 34 years in Woodridge, as a Principal for five years and Assistant Superintendent for 29 years. He is also in his sixth four-year term as Mayor of Woodridge. To recognize his years of service to the community, the Woodridge School District Board of Education renamed the Woodridge School to the William F. Murphy School upon his retirement.

John J. (Joe) Alt '71 is now Vice President of Business Development for Sumaria Systems, Inc., a small defense contractor operating out of Danvers, MA. He and his wife, Pat, reside in Alexandria, VA., where they relocated to after 22 years in the United States Air Force. He previously worked for Pacific Sierra Research/Veridian/General Dynamics without ever leaving his desk via buyouts. He recently left after 12 years for this exciting new opportunity with Sumaria.

David L. Hoven '74 was appointed Associate Circuit Judge for Franklin County, MO, by Governor Bob Holden on January 1st and took his oath of office January 7th. He lives in Pacific, MO, with his wife, Janet, and their children, Tara (22) and Dave, Jr. (20), when they're in town.

David B. Huneryager '74 was recently named President and CEO of the Tennessee Trucking Association, the voice of the trucking industry in Tennessee, representing over 400 trucking companies and industry vendors. He had served on the Executive Committee for 11 years and comes to the Association after 28 years with Roadway Express in Nashville, where he was a District Manager for the last 15 years. Huneryager and his wife, Linda, live in Franklin, TN, and their son, Kyle, an Operations Manager for Roadway, lives with his family in Nolensville, TN. Their daughter, Kelly, just graduated from Western Kentucky University and is a Store Manager for Abercrombie and Fitch.

J. Jeffrey Jones '75 received a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. He now serves as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management at Purdue North Central in Westville. He and his wife, **Pam (Ogle) Jones '77**, live in Michigan City. All three of their daughters are in college this year, so they have taken a vow of poverty!

Walter A. Obrochta '82 has been a Chicago firefighter in the Austin District for 19 years now. He also does commercial HVAC service for a union contractor in the Chicago area. He has been happily married to his wife since 1987 and has three children, Carleigh (12), Pat (9), and Sean (6).

Dr. Eric J. Boos, Esq. '86 recently joined the Litigation Department for the law firm Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren. He and his family live in Fitchburg, WI.

Angela (Riebenack) Cecil '86 recently joined Fifth Third Bank in Indianapolis, IN, as a Vice President in the Commercial Banking Division.

Jamie (Doerger) Rickett '93 had her fourth child in May 2004. She works full-time for Western-Southern Financial Group and coaches both her daughter's and her sons' soccer teams. She somehow finds time to play soccer twice a week, too.

Tia C. Glass '93 is an Associate for Cozen O'Connor's Products Liability and Complex Tort Department in Chicago. She concentrates her practice in products liability defense, professional liability, first party coverage, third party litigation, and arson and fraud investigation.

Jim N. Hilvert '93 is the Defensive Coordinator for the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, OH. He helped lead Mount St. Joseph to their best season in the school's history, as they won the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference title with an undefeated season of 10-0.

Erica Shannon '96 is the Health and Medical Advisor at St. John's Preparatory School in Boston, MA. She's back at school to receive her National Personal Training Certification and Massage Therapy Certification.

Kevin M. Ray '98 has joined Matrix Capital Advisors, LLC of Chicago, IL, as a Financial Analyst. Matrix Capital Advisors, LLC is a registered investment advisor serving high net worth individuals, families, private foundations, and pension/profit sharing plans.

James Sedam Jr. '98 will graduate on May 9th from Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC, with a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree. He accepted a position with CVS Pharmacy in Madison, IN, and moved back to Indiana with his wife, Deborah, and son, Noah, in March.

Jameson Herring '00 was promoted to Senior Consultant at BKD, LLP. Herring is a Tax

Consultant who helps clients manage their sales and local tax obligations and identify opportunities for savings. He's been with the firm since 2002.

Craig Phipps '01 is the Associate Director of Bands for Knox Community Schools.

John R. Gum '02 will graduate with a master's degree in Botany and Plant Pathology from the College of Agriculture at Purdue University Graduate School in December 2005. He's been conducting research that has applications in the field of medicine and currently teaches Biology for Purdue's College of Science.

Blaire M. Henley '02 will graduate with a Juris Doctorate from Indiana University's School of Law in May 2005. She will begin work at Ice Miller (Indianapolis) in August. Her sister, Jordan Henley '07, is now a Puma, too!

Shannon Finerty '03 is a second-year student at Texas A&M University in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Marine Biology. She spent last summer at a remote field camp in Alaska's Prince William Sound, gathering data for her thesis on the behavior and habitat associations of territorial male sea otters in Simpson Bay. She is currently a Teaching Assistant, teaching three sections of Introductory to Biology Laboratory, and working on her own data analysis for her thesis. She will return to Alaska this summer and hopes to complete her master's degree by May 2006.

Michael J. Beckner '04 joined BKD, LLP as a Staff Accountant in the firm's Audit group. Prior to joining BKD, Beckner served as an Accounting Intern at Solae, LLC.

Ryan Messner '04 was recently promoted by Dow AgroSciences to Sales Representative for the Turf and Ornamental Business. In his new position, Messner will develop and execute business plans, position and manage accounts that use Dow

AgroSciences products, and create awareness of Dow AgroSciences products, particularly in Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, and parts of Arkansas and northern Alabama.

ENGAGEMENTS

Todd M. Hull '90 to Michelle Schoon. An April 22, 2005 wedding is planned.

Susie M. Butz '93 to Dr. Glen Flaningham. A September 24, 2005 wedding is planned in Indianapolis.

Marc Macias '97 to Francesca Cipriano. A summer 2005 wedding is planned.

Jill Ogger '97 to Michael Sedmak. A May 21, 2005 wedding is planned.

John R. Gum '02 to Judith Gisip. A wedding is planned on Borneo Island, in Sabah, Malaysia.

Tim Nelson '02 to Teresa Nichols. An August 2005 wedding is planned. **Nick Masterson '03** will be in the wedding party.

Samantha Ma'Ayteh '04 to Dan Villa. A July 2006 wedding is planned.

Warren James (Jim) Gratner '05 to Miranda Parker '05. A May 21, 2005 wedding is planned. Craig Redlin '06 will be the best man and Hannah Cole '06 will be a bridesmaid. Gratner is the son of Robert and Margaret (Henry) Gratner '74.

MARRIAGES

Donna L. Clites '82 to Larry L. Rush, 10/17/03.

Clement L. (Chip) Lupacchino, Jr. '84 to Erika M. Schlaak, 10/9/04. **Robert Bridges '84** was in the wedding party.

Sarah Clark '86 to Dean Caputo, 8/29/04.

Jon M. Romanovich '93 to Lisa A. Steininger, 7/14/04.

Miranda J. Shaw '97 to Joshua C. Pitts, 10/9/04.

Leticia Santiago '01 to Matt Wagner '01, 10/1/04.

Derek Serna '01 to Stephanie Welsh 10/23/04 in Wauwatosa, WI. **Josh Hughes '02** was a groomsman.

Jason P. Funk '03 to Brigid E. Doak '02, 10/9/04. The wedding party included **Niki Pecho '03**, **Raeonna Jagielski '03**, **Greg '02** and **Beth (Nix) Peters '02**, **Allison Putz '01**, **Andrew Barker '04**, and **James Perkins '03**.

Jeremy J. Clifton '03 to Heather Solace '06, 12/19/04.

Brienne Hopkins '03 to Craig Hooker, 9/18/04.

Kari Marie Ortman '04 to Micah Lee Combs '03, 11/27/04.

Billie Jo Gleason '04 to Todd Wilson, 5/15/04.

Jeffrey Regan '04 to Jaqueline Reid, 11/13/04 at the Mission San Juan Capistrano in California. The couple makes their home in San Clemente, CA.

BIRTHS

Daniel Joseph Nanista adopted by David and Linda (Bounelis) Nanista '81, 9/3/04.

Maggie James Gause to **John F. '84** and Jennifer Gause, 1/11/05.

Mitchell Thomas Dennick to Russell and Kristina Dennick '85, 11/17/04.

Matthew James Knasel to Jim and Jackie (Schweder) Knasel '85, 7/29/04.

Ezekiel Joseph Boos to **Dr. Eric J. '86** and Karene Boos, 12/8/04. He was born on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, also his brother Zebadiah's seventh birthday. He also has two sisters, Lauren (5) and Meredith (3).

John Paul Sherkey to **Michael '88** and Kelly Ann Sherkey, 8/20/04.

Matthew Max Manzuk to Pete and Kellie (Hunneshagen) Manzuk '91, 5/10/04.

Michael Edward Pesch to Benjamin and Sharon (Gryczewski) Pesch '91, 9/29/04.

Evan Donald Rickett to Kevin and Jamie (Doerger) Rickett '93, 5/22/04. Evan is completely

spoiled by his big brothers, twins Kyle and Tyler (9), and big sister Emily (7).

Thomas Arthur Adkins to Arthur and Karen M. Walz-Adkins '94, 5/13/04. Thomas joins big brother Jakob (8).

Nathaniel Jeffrey Waltuck to Jeff and Meggan (Chaseley) Waltuck '94, 11/19/04.

Jacob Riley Klus to **Christopher '97** and Amy Klus, 10/18/04.

Trent Matthew Campbell to Gary H. '97 and Chasity (Miller) Campbell '97, 3/17/04. Trent joins big brothers Drew and Joey.

Layla Amanda Nowaczyk to Dennis and Amy Nowaczyk '97, 7/9/04.

Jared Maxwell Ernestes to Nick and April (Johnson) Ernestes '98, 8/30/04. He already has two Puma outfits!

Samantha McPhee to **Douglas M. '98** and Kamara (Conlon) McPhee '98, 8/7/04. Samantha joins big sister Alexandra (2).

Richard John O'Dette, Jr. to **Richard '99** and Sherry (London) O'Dette '98, 1/12/05.

Robert Kenneth Baranowski to **Steve '99** and Tammy (Witek) Baranowski '99, 12/15/04. He is named after his grandfathers.

Isabelle Marie Good to Scott M. and Susan Good '99, 9/22/04.

Emily Ruth Hood to Daniel and Juli (Duerksen) Hood '01, 3/3/04. She joins big brother Jackson (2).

Joshua Joseph Alvarado to **Connie Alvarado '01** and Herman Salgado, 3/31/04.

Mason Warren Hinkle to Jeremy and Candice (Layman) Hinkle '02, 12/23/03.

Cordell John Ricke to Tim and Renee (Simon) Ricke '02, 9/29/04.

Jackson Bernard Habing to **Julianne Adams '03** and Eric Habing, 6/18/04.

Matthew Joseph Swartz to **Elizabeth Houston '03** and Joe Swartz, 12/15/04.

DEATHS

George J. Rick '24, SJC Academy, 6/01.

Paul Lienesch '28, SJC Academy, 9/12/04.

Paul J. Miller '32, SJC Academy, 4/7/04.

Robert J. Kelly '34, 8/04.

Monsignor Timothy F. Doody '36, 11/5/04.

Rev. Joseph Lima, C.P.P.S. '39, 10/31/04.

William P. Barth '41, father of **Edward Reuter '71**, 12/3/04.

Herbert W. Vilim '41, 5/7/03.

John R. Schlereth, M.D. '42, 11/22/04.

Adolph E. Waznis '43, 7/02.

Nicholas Edward Weis, son of **John '49** (deceased) and Margaret Weis, 11/5/03.

Ralph A. Marke '50, 8/25/03.

Eugene Rueve '53, 10/24/04.

George K. Jostes '55, 11/16/03.

Joan Brown, wife of **George H. Brown, Jr. '56**, 12/8/04.

Rita Obergfell, wife of **Richard Obergfell '56**, 2004.

Michael G. Bateman '57, 10/29/04. Surviving family members include his wife Mary, sons Con and Fritz, daughter **Bridgit (Bateman) Chayt '82**, brother **Gaines G. Bateman '51**, and nephew **Fred Faulstich '60**.

John Sadowski '61, 5/15/03.

Lawrence A. McKay '62, 2000.

Eileen Anderson, former employee of SJC. She is survived by her husband, E. Dale Anderson, and daughter, **Cheryl K. (Anderson) Davis '72**.

Nicholas Zaranti '72, 3/9/04.

Sister M. Sarah Briggeman, O.S.B. '74, 10/30/04.

Lorraine Silver, wife of **Leslie S. Silver '74**, 10/26/04.

Michael J. Volk '74, 1/05.

John J. O'Brien '75, 6/3/04.

Paul J. "Bart" Vighi '75, 10/8/04.

James D. "J.R." Randall '80, 1/9/05.

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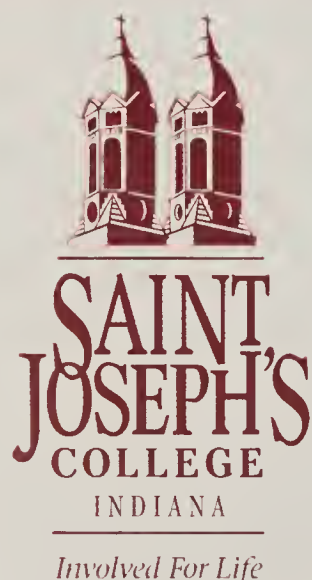
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